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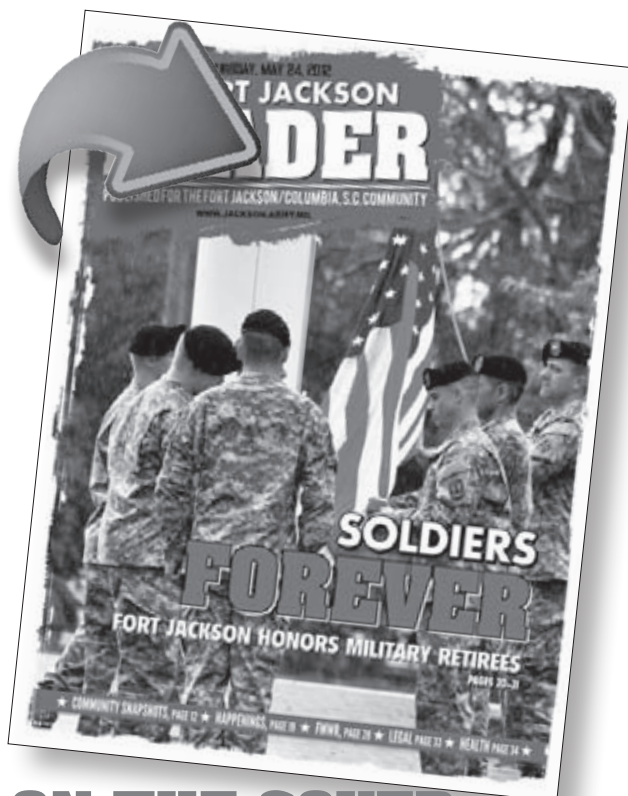
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SSI Soldiers prepare to fold the American flag at the end of the retreat and salute to retirees ceremony May 17 at Post Headquarters. **SEE PAGES 20-21.**



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## COMMANDER'S CALL

# Memorial Day not just for barbecues, beach fun

## Ceremony to honor the fallen on tap for Monday

*"It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men that died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived."*

— Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.

On Monday, May 28, many from this community will join me at the Fort Jackson National Cemetery to honor those members of our Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.

Memorial Day, for many Americans, marks the unofficial start of summer with backyard barbecues, a trip to the lake or just relaxing and enjoying a long weekend. But for many of us, Memorial Day holds a much deeper meaning.

The men and women we will honor Monday came from all walks of life, from every corner of this nation. They were our fathers, sons, our mothers and daughters, our brothers and sisters, our friends and neighbors. They were ordinary people who were asked to make extraordinary sacrifices for their country.

They answered the call to arms for a higher purpose — to preserve liberty, justice, equality, and the right to live in a world free from oppression.

Their headstones, found on virtually every continent, are each individual memorials to the cause of freedom.

Memorial Day, which was officially proclaimed in 1868, became widespread by 1902, and was named a federal holiday in 1971. Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day. The holiday, which is rooted in the Civil War period, was a day set aside for decorating graves and honoring fallen Soldiers in various ways. There were separate holidays for Union and Confederate Soldiers.

That all changed after World War I. The two holidays were combined as Memorial Day. And the holiday was set aside to honor the fallen from all wars.

In the past decade, our country has many young Soldiers who are deeply missed by their loved ones and fellow military members. In the purest sense, they have rendered a sacrifice

that we, the living, cannot repay.

We count our friends, our family and our comrades in arms among those who have given their lives in service to this great nation.

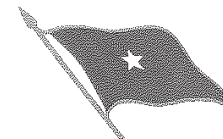
We also remain vigilant against those who threaten us and band together, as we have done so in the past, to truly build a better future for future generations.

Please join us 9 a.m. Monday at the Fort Jackson National Cemetery as we remember and honor all our fallen service members. If you can't make the ceremony, remember to join with millions of Americans for a Moment of Remembrance and observe a minute of silence at 3 p.m.

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We must never lose sight about what Memorial Day means. It's not about beaches, picnics or auto races; it is a day to remember.

Victory starts here! Victory 6!



May 22, 2012

Fort Jackson Team:

The Memorial Day holiday marks the beginning of the 101 Days of Summer. As you enjoy the long weekend and take a well-earned break, I ask you to remember that Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. Please take the time to honor those who gave their lives to protect our freedoms and to reflect on the significance of their sacrifice.

Don't forget to be safe during your holiday activities. Your leadership has provided you with the accident prevention knowledge and tools you need to be safe; take the knowledge to heart and use those tools wisely.

Have fun and enjoy yourself, but do it safely. I want all members of the Fort Jackson family to return safely at the end of the holiday weekend.

Mission First - Safety Always.

*Bryan T. Roberts*

Bryan T. Roberts  
Brigadier General, U.S. Army  
Commanding



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# 187th instructors reach for top level

By WALLACE McBRIDE

Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson is close to adding three more master level instructors to its ranks at the 187th Ordnance Battalion's Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic School.

Debra Wood, Jose Pagan and Ronnie Drakeford are candidates for master level certification, the highest level of instructor training they can receive.

"When the Soldiers come out of basic training we teach them apprentice-level skills for wheeled vehicle maintenance," Wood said. "When you reach the master level, you should be able to teach any lesson plan in any module throughout the schoolhouse. A master instructor is what every instructor aspires to be."

Pagan said the opportunity to become master level instructors is the culmination of many unrelated career factors.

"It's not something that happens in six months," he said. "It happens over years of conducting training of Soldiers, of upgrading equipment and technology, and writing and developing lesson plans."

"The main reason we're doing this is because of all the new equipment we're receiving," Drakeford said. "We need to keep up."

To qualify, instructors must have taught at least 1,250 platform hours, be 100 percent certified in the modules they are currently teaching and mentor individuals as they go through their instructor development levels, Wood said.

About 3,500 students pass through the Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic School each year at Fort Jackson, where they learn to maintain Humvees, MATVs, MRAPs and just about every other vehicle that passes through the post on official business.

"If it rolls, we fix it," Wood said.

"When they leave here, we want them to go out and assist a seasoned maintainer," Drakeford said.

"The course is geared to teach them how to read technical manuals," Pagan said, "as well as the proper use of tools and equipment."

Wood said there are 12 master level instructors at the 187th.



Courtesy photo

**Jose Pagan, an instructor with the Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic School, explains how to disassemble an engine. Pagan is one of three teachers with the school who strive to become master level instructors.**

"We get kids that went to school to be in the medical field, we get journalists, we get English majors, we get history majors," Wood said. "It's about how they score on the aptitude of the admittance test. A lot of them choose it because it's something they're interested in back home."

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Photo by Wallace McBride

**From left, Jose Pagan, Debra Wood and Ronnie Drakeford, instructors at the Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic School, are on the path of obtaining the coveted master level certification.**



## Memorial Day event scheduled

Leader Staff Report

The Fort Jackson community will commemorate the nation's fallen service members this Memorial Day with a wreath laying ceremony. The ceremony is set to begin 9 a.m., Monday, at Fort Jackson National Cemetery on Percival Road.

Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts, Fort Jackson's commanding general, and Post Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Benson will lay a wreath to honor the fallen. Roberts will be the guest speaker.

The ceremony will include a 21-gun salute and the playing of Taps. The event is open to the public.



Leader file photo

**A wreath laying ceremony to honor fallen service members is planned for 9 a.m., Monday at Fort Jackson National Cemetery.**

### LEADER DEADLINES

Article submissions are due two weeks before publication.

For example, an article for the June 7 Leader must be submitted by today.

Announcement submissions are due one week before publication.

For example, an announcement for the June 7 Leader must be submitted by May 31.

Send your submissions to FJLeader@gmail.com.

For more information, call 751-7045.







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**Claire Paige Zeigler, pictured with Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts, Fort Jackson's commanding general, was recently inducted into the Fort Jackson Volunteer Hall of Fame.**

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

# For Red Cross volunteer, helping is everything

By **WALLACE McBRIDE**  
Fort Jackson Leader

**VOLUNTEER:** Claire Paige Zeigler

**ACTIVITIES:** Volunteers with Moncrief Army Community Hospital, post chapel and Palmetto Regional Hospital.

Fort Jackson 2012 Volunteer Hall of Fame inductee Claire Paige Zeigler starts off each week filing prescriptions Mondays at Moncrief Army Community Hospital, a volunteer position she has held since 2003.

"I went to Red Cross training on Fort Jackson first," she said. "Then I went to Moncrief and talked to them. I just asked them where they needed help and they sent me to the pharmacy."

"When she's not filling prescriptions, you can find her at the pharmacy front desk, meeting and greeting 400 to 500 patients per day," said Red Cross Station Manager Sandy Chambers. "She is pleasant and willing to do whatever is needed to help the patients."

"It's very busy," Zeigler said. "I do it because they needed help."

Zeigler also volunteers at the Ronald McDonald Room at Palmetto Regional Hospital.

"The Ronald McDonald Room is an area where parents with children at the hospital can have a snack and use the computer," she said. "It's a break room for parents."

She also helps prepare packets of religious reading material for the Soldiers that are given out at Sunday church services.

"I just love the military and I love helping people," she said.

## HOW TO VOLUNTEER WITH THE FORT JACKSON RED CROSS

The Fort Jackson Red Cross is always looking for volunteers, especially those interested in leadership positions. For a list of current openings and job descriptions, call 751-4329. All volunteers must attend training for specific roles.

# Electrical fire safety is everyone's responsibility

*From the Fort Jackson Fire Department*

It is well-known in the fire service that the number of electrical fires routinely increases in December and January. However, this fact should not deter the Fort Jackson community from being vigilant and take precautions to prevent home, barracks and office electrical fires year round.

Although many fires are caused by electrical system failures, many more are caused by incorrectly installed wiring, overloaded circuits and extension cords.

The U.S. Fire Administration estimates that during a typical year, home electrical problems account for 26,100 fires and \$1 billion in property losses. About 50 percent of all residential electrical fires involve electrical wiring.

Problems with extension and appliance cords, plugs, receptacles and switches also cause many home electrical fires. Some other causes that everyone should be on the lookout for are defective light fixtures and lamps or light bulbs; and the misuse of

electric cords, such as overloading circuits, poor maintenance and running extension cords under rugs or in high traffic areas.

To prevent fires, take the following actions:

- ❑ Routinely check your electrical appliances and wiring.
- ❑ Replace all worn, old or damaged appliance cords immediately. Frayed wires can cause fires.
- ❑ If an appliance has a three-prong plug, use it only in a three-slot outlet. Never force it to fit into a two-slot outlet or extension cord.
- ❑ Don't allow children to play with or around electrical appliances like space heaters, irons and hair dryers.
- ❑ Use safety closures to child-proof electrical outlets.
- ❑ Use electrical extension cords wisely; never overload extension cords or wall sockets.

Remember, fire safety in the home and office is everyone's responsibility.

Please contact the Fire Prevention Office for more information or concerns at 751-1610/1611/5239.



Photo by JAMES ARROWOOD, command photographer

## DSS greets new commandant

**Command Sgt. Maj. Michael McCoy, left, assumes responsibility of the Drill Sergeant School in a ceremony May 17 at the Post Theater. McCoy replaces Command Sgt. Maj. Teresa King, who will remain on Fort Jackson.**



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## Housing Happenings

### COMMUNITY UPDATES

- ❑ In an effort to maintain a pet-friendly community, residents are asked to clean up after their pets daily. Two domestic pets are allowed per home. All pets must be kept current with vaccinations, testing and treatments. For questions regarding the pet policy, refer to the Resident Guide or call 738-8275.
- ❑ A workshop on how to clear housing is scheduled for 9 a.m., Friday at the Community Center.
- ❑ Residents in new construction are encouraged to attend the Neighborhood Huddle at noon, May 31 at the Community Center, 520 Brown Ave. The forum is design to raise housing concerns and to give residents a chance to meet their neighbors. Lunch will be provided.
- ❑ The Home Ventilation Institute recommends that you use kitchen ventilation fans while cooking and bathroom ventilation fans for 30 minutes after each shower. fans help minimize excess humidity in the home, reduce condensation and promote good indoor air quality.
- ❑ The Mayoral Council is looking for volunteers to serve as mayors of the Fort Jackson housing community. Child care is provided while performing mayoral duties. Interested residents should contact Vickie Grier at 751-7567.
- ❑ The Yard of the Month contest will continue throughout the summer. Yard of the Month winners will be recognized in *The Fort Jackson Leader*, Balfour Beatty Communities website and newsletter. The grand prize winner will also receive a \$50 gift card contest of BBC. Visit the Self Help Center on Ivy Road and browse the lawn and garden tools that can help you cultivate a beautiful yard and flower garden. The center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ❑ The sprinkler systems within housing are set on timers and monitored by the landscaping company. Do no alter the times on your sprinklers. if you have questions or concerns, such as broken sprinkler heads, contact the work order desk at 787-6416.
- ❑ Trampolines are prohibited in the housing area. For more information, view the Balfour Beatty Communities resident guide at [www.ftjacksonfamilyhousing.com](http://www.ftjacksonfamilyhousing.com) or contact the management office at 738-8275.
- ❑ Swimming pools in the housing area may be up to six feet in diameter and one foot in depth. Use of wading pools requires adult supervision and is permitted in backyards only. When pools are not in use, they must be emptied and properly stored.
- ❑ LifeWorks events are reserved for on-post housing residents unless otherwise indicated. For questions, comments or suggestions, email [ayoungblood@bbcgrp.com](mailto:ayoungblood@bbcgrp.com).
- ❑ Refer someone to move on post to receive \$200.
- ❑ Residents are asked to refrain from parking on grassy areas to avoid damage to the grass and sprinkler heads. Violators will be responsible for repair fees.

### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- ❑ Send all submissions to [FJLeader@gmail.com](mailto:FJLeader@gmail.com) or to [usarmy.jackson.93-sig-bde.mbx:fj-leader@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.jackson.93-sig-bde.mbx:fj-leader@mail.mil).
  - ❑ Announcement and photo submissions are due one week before publication.
  - ❑ For information about classified advertising, contact Camden Media Co. at 432-6157.
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## 193rd welcomes new CSM

**Command Sgt. Maj. Lloyd Julius, fourth from left, accepts responsibility of the 193rd Infantry Brigade at a ceremony May 17 at the Post Theater. Julius replaces Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Dunkelberger, who will take over as commandant of the NCO Academy at Fort Drum, N.Y.**

# Army commits to security through renewable energy

By **ROB McILVAINE**  
*Army News Service*

WASHINGTON — The assistant secretary of the Army for installations, energy and environment said one of the reasons the Army is committed to one gigawatt of renewable energy is security.

“Right now, the bases operate off of a nationwide electric grid, which as populations grow, just like much of the infrastructure in the United States, is getting aged and vulnerable,” said Katherine Hammack during a bloggers roundtable Tuesday. “So this is really a move toward distributed energy where you are generating energy at the point of use. So we want to generate energy on the military bases.”

One gigawatt is about enough to run 250,000 homes, Hammack said.

“There are several ways you can generate energy. Some of it could be located on the buildings, it could shade vehicles in a parking lot, if you’re using solar, or it could be placed on lands that are buffer lands between activities on a base and the local community,” she said.

Renewable energy is really a focus for energy security to ensure Army bases are able to operate and the military is able to serve the community and protect the community should power grids go down, Hammack said.

“There are several ways that we are approaching that one gigawatt,” she said, listing them:

- ❑ Understand the resources that are available to installations by taking a look at whether they have biomass resources, wind resources, solar resources, geothermal resources, and identifying the resource availability.
- ❑ Look at land availability — how much land is avail-

able on which to install renewable energy generators.

❑ Look at transmission capability — the ability to produce the power and then transmit it to meet the needs of the base. In some cases, there might be enough land and resource availability to generate more power than the base needs, which creates an opportunity to contribute back to the community.

“One of the most interesting things about renewable energy is that in many cases it’s an intermittent resource. So it doesn’t mean that we are disconnecting from the power grid, it means that we are looking for energy to help reduce our peak power and give us the ability to operate longer should power disruptions occur,” Hammack said.

But in the evening or during periods of intermittency, she said, the Army will still be purchasing power from the local grid.

“As far as cost goes, we’re finding that many of these technologies have reached a price parity point with energy that is obtained from the local utility. So we are not looking to pay more for electricity, we are looking for parity, or the price point with the private sector that will enable us to have reliable resources for the long term within our current budget,” Hammack said.

The Army will host the Joint Army-Air Force Energy Forum June 12 in Arlington, Va.

At the forum, the Army and Air Force will be discussing strategies, the way forward and how to work with each other in developing energy, Hammack said.

To learn more about or to sign up for the Joint Army Air Force Renewable Energy Industry Day June 12, visit, [http://upcomingevents.ctc.com/Army\\_AF\\_Industry\\_Day/information.html](http://upcomingevents.ctc.com/Army_AF_Industry_Day/information.html).



## UPCOMING CHANGES OF COMMAND/RESPONSIBILITY

- ❑ **June 1 — 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment:** Lt. Col. Jason Glick will assume command from Lt. Col. Gregg Blumhardt; 9 a.m.; Officers' Club.
- ❑ **June 5 — 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment:** Lt. Col. Thomas McCardell will assume command from Lt. Col. John Allen; 9 a.m.; Officers' Club.
- ❑ **June 8 — Adjutant General School:** Col. Todd Garlick will take over as commandant for Col. Robert Manning; 9 a.m.; Officers' Club.
- ❑ **June 12 — Moncrief Army Community Hospital:** Col. Mark Higdon will assume command from Col. Ramona Fiorey; 8 a.m.; MACH.
- ❑ **June 13 — Moncrief Army Community Hospital:** Command Sgt. Maj. Vincent Bond will assume responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Williams; 8 a.m.; MACH.
- ❑ **June 15 — 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception):** Lt. Col. Vincent Valley will assume command from Lt. Col. Michael McTigue; 10 a.m.; Officers' Club.
- ❑ **June 15 — 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception):** 1st Sgt. Richard Haley will relinquish responsibility; 10 a.m.; Officers' Club.
- ❑ **June 19 — 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment:** Lt. Col. Eric Flesch will assume command from Lt. Col. Quincy Norman; 9 a.m.; Officers' Club.
- ❑ **June 22 — 193rd Infantry Brigade:** Col. Joseph McLamb will assume command from Col. Drew Meyerowich; 9 a.m.; Officers' Club.

- ❑ **June 29 — U.S. Army Garrison Fort Jackson:** Col. Michael Graese will assume command from Col. James Love; 9 a.m.; Officers' Club.
- ❑ **June 29 — 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment:** Command Sgt. Maj. Neal Seals will assume responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Eddie Delvalleallicea; 1 p.m.; battalion headquarters.
- ❑ **July 2 — 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment:** Lt. Col. Gregory Trahan will assume command from Lt. Col. Matthew Zimmerman; 9 a.m.; Officers' Club.
- ❑ **July 12 — Training Support Battalion:** Lt. Col. Neil Mahabir will assume command from Lt. Col. Sula Irish; 8:30 a.m.; Officers' Club.
- ❑ **July 20 — 171st Infantry Brigade:** Col. Mark Bieger will assume command from Col. George Donovan; 9 a.m.; Officers' Club.
- ❑ **Aug. 21 — 369th Adjutant General Battalion:** Lt. Col. David Jones will assume command from Lt. Col. Edward Allen; 8:30 a.m.; Darby Field.
- ❑ **Aug. 30 — Recruiting and Retention School:** Command Sgt. Maj. Tory Hendrieth will assume responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Donna Punihaole; time and location to be determined.

To announce a battalion level or above Change of Command/Responsibility, call 751-7045 or email [fjleader@gmail.com](mailto:fjleader@gmail.com).

## News and Notes

### VOTING OPEN FOR FORT JACKSON FATHER

Fort Jackson's 1st Lt. William Edwards, Company E, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, is one of three finalists for the National Fatherhood Initiative's Military Fatherhood Award. Voting ends Friday. To vote for Edwards, visit [www.facebook.com/nationalfatherhoodinitiative](http://www.facebook.com/nationalfatherhoodinitiative).

### TOP COP COMPETITION NEARS

Fort Jackson will host the annual Top Cop Competition June 3-5. The competition will include seven TRADOC Military Police detachments, one National Guard MP unit, the Richland County Sheriff's Department, Lexington County Sheriff's Department, Columbia and Cayce police departments, the South Carolina State Guard, and a Security Forces Team from Shaw Air Force Base. The event will take place at numerous locations on Fort Jackson and will lead to increased law enforcement presence on post. An active-shooter exercise is planned to take place at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School as part of the competition.

### ARMY BALL TICKETS AVAILABLE

The 237th Army Birthday Ball is scheduled for 6 p.m., June 16 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. The ball is open to everyone. The guest speaker will be Retired Maj. Gen. Abraham Turner, former Fort Jackson commanding general and current executive director of the South Carolina Department of Workforce and Employment. Tickets cost \$39 and can be purchased from unit ticket coordinators. For more information, call 751-8280.

### ACTIVE DUTY GET IN FREE AT NATIONAL PARKS

Active duty service members can now get a free annual pass to national parks and federal recreation lands. The pass can be picked up at any national park or wildlife refuge that charges an entrance fee. For a list of participating sites, visit <http://store.usgs.gov/pass/PassIssuanceList.pdf>.

### DRIVERS URGED TO MIND SPEED LIMITS

Typically, as the temperatures warm up, speeding and other traffic violations are on the rise. Fort Jackson drivers are reminded to be lawful, courteous and drive free of distractions.

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# Take 5 for Safety

*What does "Take 5" mean to you? If you're like most people, you're probably thinking "take a break." But in safety, time can be both your enemy and your friend. That's why we're asking you - wherever you are and whatever your plans - to Take 5 and think about your environment and situation. Then ask yourself one simple question:*

## *Am I making the right decisions?*

*Five minutes, five seconds - or even shorter or longer - take the time to assess your situation and make the smart choices that can save not only your life, but also the lives of those around you.*

## *Take 5 ... then take action.*

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Post celebrates Asian Pacific heritage

Above, Fort Jackson celebrates Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with a luau at the Solomon Center Friday. Post leaders joined the South Sea Dancers during their performance. The group performed Polynesian dances during the event. Right, Chief Rick Olomua performs a Samoan fire and knife dance. Below, Sgt. 1st Class Joel Quebec and his daughter Hope demonstrate a Philippine stick fighting technique called Arnis during the 81st Regional Support Command's celebration May 16.



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Photo by ANDREW McINTYRE





Photo by SHANNON BOGDAN, special to the Leader

Drill Sgt., Staff Sgt. Norman Bogdan pulls H1 Hummer 100 feet, during the Fort Jackson Strong Man Competition, Thursday, May 17, hosted by Fort Jackson FMWR Sports Office. Staff Sgt. Bogdan won the overall competition for male Soldier.

# Post gets Army Strong

## Post competes in annual Strongman Competition

By **ANDREW MCINTYRE**  
*Fort Jackson Leader*

Many people can probably relate to competing against family members or friends in the back yard to see who was the strongest or fittest. Soldiers at Fort Jackson did just that May 17 during the post’s annual Strongman Competition.

This year’s overall winner among men is Staff Sgt. Norman Bogdan, a drill sergeant with Company E, 2nd Battalion, 39th Inf. Reg. He said that this was his first time competing and that he had just completed Charge of Quarters duty the night before the competition.

“I work out usually and so I just thought I would put all my hard work to the test,” Bogdan said. “I did not show up to fail.”

Capt. Kristen Zosel, Medical Department Activity, was the overall winner among women.

“I was just happy to compete against a great group of people,” Zosel said.

Zosel said she received encouragement from a co-worker to compete. One of the

events she was drawn to was the hummer pull.

“I was just focusing on the guidance from the crowd to stay low,” Zosel said.

Although the rain added to the difficulty of the competition, more than 20 Soldiers tried to claim the title of Fort Jackson’s strongest Soldier.

Since 2004, the event has sought out some of the post’s strongest men and women to compete for bragging rights. The competition requires Soldiers to complete three tasks of strenuous physical exercises.

The first task is the tire flip. Soldiers must flip a truck tire as fast as possible to the finish line. Men must flip the tire 100 feet, and women must flip the tire 75 feet.

The second task is the stone carry, which factors in the Soldier’s weight. Depending on the Soldier’s weight, he or she must carry a 100-pound, 200-pound or 300-pound stone in the shape of South Carolina 75 feet and back. Female Soldiers must carry the stone 50 feet and return.

Lastly, Soldiers must pull a 4,000-pound hummer 100 feet as fast as possible.

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### WINNERS OF THE 2012 STRONGMAN COMPETITION:

#### OVERALL

Women — Capt. Kristen Zosel, MEDDAC  
Men — Staff Sgt. Norman Bogdan, 2- 39th

#### MEN

**Lightweight**  
1st Place, Staff Sgt. Norman Bogdan, 2-39th  
2nd Place, Staff Sgt. Charles Dutart, 2-60th  
**Middleweight**  
1st Place, Staff Sgt. Brian Jones — 2-13th.  
2nd Place, Sgt. 1st Class Pleasant Wells — 1-61st  
**Heavyweight**  
1st Place. Staff Sgt. Bruce Simonsen, 171st  
2nd Place, Sgt 1st Class, Victor Morales, 2-60th  
**Super Heavyweight**  
1st Place, Staff Sgt. William Adsitt , 3-34th  
2nd Place, Master Sgt. George Conklin, TFM

#### WOMEN

**Lightweight**  
1st Place, Staff Sgt. Jamie Wall, 1-61st  
**Middleweight**  
1st Place, 1st Lt. Sophie Hilaire, 187th  
**Heavyweight**  
1st Place, Capt. Kristen Zosel, MEDDAC  
2nd Place, Maj. Laura Smith, 1-61st



Photo by ANDREW MCINTYRE

Running with a 100-pound metal stone the shape of South Carolina, Capt. Kristen Zosel races to finish in a faster time than her competitors.



## COMMUNITY SNAPSHOTS



### Third Army mentors honored in Sumter

Third Army/ARCENT Mentorship Program Soldiers from Shaw Air Force Base were honored May 18 at a ceremony at Wilder Elementary School in Sumter, S.C. Soldiers, students, parent volunteers, faculty, and members of the Sumter School District packed the school's multi-purpose room to acknowledge the contributions of the Soldiers, and to celebrate the end of Palmetto Assessment of State Standards testing for third through fifth graders.



### Bake sale raises money for AER

The American Society of Military Comptrollers donated \$350 to the Army Emergency Relief fund May 22. The money was raised through a May 2 bake sale to support AER. From left are Meridy Stanley, Beth Litton, Capt. Tony Weilbacher, Billy Smith, Capt. Tamarrow Climes, Sgt. Troy Rogers and Yvonne Jenkins.



### Labinem awarded Arrow of Light

Cub Scout Pack 89 conducted its annual Cross Over Ceremony May 20 in which the scouts advanced to their next level of training. Ricky Labinem, pictured with his parents, was awarded the Arrow of Light during the ceremony. The Arrow of Light is the highest award in Cub Scouts. Earning this rank prepares a Webelos Scout to become a Boy Scout. Webelos who have earned the Arrow of Light Award have also completed all requirements for the Boy Scout badge.





*Courtesy photo*

Competitors line up for a photograph on Hilton Field at the start of Saturday's Ruck for a Cure 10K hike, a cancer awareness event.

# Surviving the 10K hike on Fort Jackson

I participated in last weekend's Ruck for a Cure 10K and finished dead last.

I'm not bragging, mind you. It took a considerable amount of work to get myself to the point where competing in a 10K rucksack hike is a dangerous endeavor. But it goes to show what can be accomplished when you put aside discipline and determination in order to achieve a higher goal. In this case "higher goal" means "watching hundreds of episodes of Dark Shadows while eating froyo on the couch," but I think you get my point.

It wasn't that long ago that I was in decent shape. I've run the Warrior Dash and the USMC Mud Run. I used to hit the gym six days a week and ran several miles a day, but a job change (which was accompanied by a schedule change and a wrist injury) interrupted the rhythm of my exercise habits. My six-day rou-

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Fort Jackson Leader

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tine became a three-day routine, which eventually became a routine of watching DVDs and playing Xbox while snacking. And this change mostly happened in 2012.

So, when I arrived at Hilton Field early Saturday morning, my primary objective was to finish the course no matter how long it took, and to do so without the aid of an ambulance. Soldiers can be an aggressive, competitive bunch, and I had no idea what kind of attitudes to expect from the other competitors.

Would there be trash talking? Would I stand out from the crowd as the lone

civilian? At age 40, would I be the oldest person there?

As it turns out, I wasn't the oldest person participating. That would probably be my friend Mark Wood, who, despite his advanced age of 43 years, was a split second away from taking third place. He carried a 60-pound weighted pack, which was 15 pounds heavier than those worn by the other participants. I've recommended several good retirement communities to him, suggestions that he's roundly ignored as he continues training for the Death Race in Vermont later this year. He's grown stubborn in his old age.

The atmosphere at the event was incredibly positive. The organizers accepted donations for Ruck for a Cure, a cancer awareness group founded by two Soldiers here at Fort Jackson, and everyone was incredibly supportive. I passed a number of people on the trail who were

out running or biking independently of the race, and many of them also encouraged me as I slogged along.

When I arrived (well behind the rest of the hikers) at the finish line, I was anticipating an empty parking lot at best, and a bunch of impatient Soldiers at worst. Instead, it looked a more like a tailgate party. People were laughing and joking, the first hamburgers and hot dogs of the day hit the grill and the event's awards were handed out.

Because I was "running" this race on my own time, I didn't think to bring a notebook to collect the names of the individuals and teams who took top honors. But Ruck for a Cure has a collection of photos on its website, which you can find at [www.ruckforcure.org/rfac-events](http://www.ruckforcure.org/rfac-events). The organizers hope to schedule two more hikes later in 2012.

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Calendar

**Monday**  
**Memorial Day ceremony**  
9 a.m., Fort Jackson National Cemetery

**Thursday, May 31**  
**Sergeants Major Association gathering**  
5 to 7 p.m., Fort Jackson Golf Club

Housing events

All events are held in the Community Center, 520 Brown Ave., unless otherwise specified. Call 738-8275 for information.

**Throughout the summer**  
**Free popsicle Fridays**  
Children can stop by the Community Center every Friday this summer for a free popsicle while supplies last.

Announcements

**AG SGM TO ADDRESS SOLDIERS**  
Adjutant General Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Culbertson will address CMF 42 series Soldiers 3 to 4 p.m., Wednesday at the Post Theater. The briefing will provide career enhancement information.

**ID CARD OFFICE CHANGES**  
The ID Card Office now operates on an appointment-only basis from 9:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday. Walk-ins are welcome 8 to 9 a.m., Monday through Friday. To schedule an appointment, visit <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil>. For more information, call 751-7731.

**CIVILIAN CAREER WEBSITE**  
A new website has been launched that consolidates information about civilian training and career development. Visit the site at [www.civiliantraining.army.mil](http://www.civiliantraining.army.mil). The Army Civilian Training and Leader Development Division also established a Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/armyciviliantraining](http://www.facebook.com/armyciviliantraining).

**CAC REPLACEMENTS**  
Some Common Access Cards that are set to expire after Sept. 30 will have to be replaced because they contain older encryption keys that will no longer provide network access. Most CACs contain the newer, compatible encryption keys. Personnel who are affected, will receive an email from [DMDC.CAC.Replacement.Notification@osd.pentagon.mil](mailto:DMDC.CAC.Replacement.Notification@osd.pentagon.mil). To replace the CAC, visit <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil> and schedule an appointment.

**HIRED! TERM**  
The next HIRED! teen apprenticeship program term is scheduled for Aug. 26 through Nov. 17. Applications are due Aug. 17. A successful interview must be

completed before the start of the term.

**CIF CLOSURE**  
The Central Issue Facility will be closed June 11-15 for its annual inventory. Soldiers and civilians who are scheduled to clear the installation during that time should call 751-6524/2870/2739 for a turn-in appointment before then. CIF will resume normal business hours June 18. For more information, call 751-7213/6885.

**MACH NUTRITION CLINIC**  
The Moncrief Army Community Hospital Nutrition Clinic has scheduled a cholesterol and high blood pressure class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., today, at MACH, Room 8-85. For more information and to register, call 751-2115/2363/2273.

**OPM SURVEY UNDER WAY**  
The Office of Personnel Management has begun its 2012 Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey. The survey runs through June 18.

**VOLUNTEENS SOUGHT**  
The Fort Jackson Red Cross will accept application for its VolunTEEN summer program beginning Tuesday. Applicants must be 14 or older. VolunTEENS work at Moncrief Army Community Hospital alongside medical professionals. Applications can be submitted through Monday. For more information, call 751-4329.

**THRIFT SHOP NEWS**  
Donations may be dropped off any time at the back door.  
Applications for the Summer Youth Program are available through today. The program will run June 5 through July 26. It is open to students, 17-21 years old.  
The Thrift Shop has a number of gowns available as part of its Golden Carriage Program. The program provides formal wear for female sergeants and below and wives of sergeants and below. The Thrift Shop is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesdays.

**AA OPEN MEETINGS**  
Alcoholics Anonymous open meetings are scheduled from 9 to 10 a.m., Wednesdays and Fridays at 9810 Lee Road. For more information, call 751-6597.

**LUNCH WORKOUT**  
The 187th Ordnance Battalion Functional Training Center offers lunchtime workouts at noon, Tuesdays and Fridays, at 2250 Sumter Ave. For more information, call 751-9740 or email [Sophie.Hilaire@us.army.mil](mailto:Sophie.Hilaire@us.army.mil).

Visit the community calendar at [www.jackson.army.mil](http://www.jackson.army.mil) for a full listing of calendar events.  
Send your announcements to [fjleader@gmail.com](mailto:fjleader@gmail.com). Community announcements may be edited to comply with Leader style and Public Affairs regulations. Announcements are due one week before the publication date. For more information,

call 751-7045.  
For information about classified advertising, call 432-6157. Classified ads may also be sent by fax to 432-7609 or by email to [skaress@ci-camden.com](mailto:skaress@ci-camden.com).  
For information about display advertising, contact Kathy at 786-5681.

Sports shorts

**YOUTH SPORTS REGISTRATION**  
Swimming registration continues through May 25. Swimming is open to 5-18 year olds. Participants will be contacted the week of May 21. The fee is \$20 for 5-year-olds and \$40 for 6-18 year-olds. The fee includes a swimsuit, trophy and certificate.  
Basketball registration continues through May 25. Basketball is open for children ages 4-15. Participants will be contacted the week of May 21. The fee is \$20 for 4-5 year-olds and \$40 for 6-15 year-olds. The fee includes jersey, shorts, trophy and certificate.  
Tackle football camp registration runs May 21 through July 5. The camp is scheduled for July 9-12 and 16-19. It is open for children ages 7-13. The fee is \$30.  
Children must be registered with CYSS before signing up for sports. To register, call 751-4865 to set up an appointment. Parents must bring a current physical and a copy of the child's birth certificate.

School notes

**RICHLAND ONE PRE-K DEADLINE**  
The deadline for parents to register their children for Richland One's pre-kindergarten program has changed. Parents now have until June 1 to enroll their 4-year olds. For more information, call 231-6882/6709.

Off-post events

The Fort Jackson Leader accepts only off-post announcements for those organizations or events that directly relate to service members and their families.

**SUMMER DAY CAMP**  
Lake Carolina will offer a summer day camp for military children 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., June 11-15. To register, call 969-0388 or visit [www.scomk.org](http://www.scomk.org).

**SPIRIT OF AMERICA TOUR**  
The Army's Spirit of America tour will perform at the Colonial Life Arena Sept. 21 and 22.

**MARINES WANTED**  
The Marine Corps League, Detachment 829 is looking for Marines to join. For more information, email [hhulett156@bell-south.net](mailto:hhulett156@bell-south.net).

GOLF STANDINGS			
Active duty		Recreational	
120th	1862.5	Heavy Hitters	1528.0
3-34th	1810.0	Even Par	1454.0
4-10th	1717.5	That's Good	1436.5
187th	1460.5	9 Hole Bandits	1364.5
TFM	1427.5	DPW	1315.5
2-39th	1411.0	Hit Squad	1304.0
MEDDAC	1371.0	SSI Hack Attack	1236.5
1-61st	1244.0	Sand Baggers	1186.0
2-60th	1157.5	FMS	1038.5
G-3	1101.0	SCANG	542.5
3-60th	912.0	Those Guys	224.0
1-34th	536.0		
165th	484.5		

Standings as of Tuesday

SPRING SOFTBALL STANDINGS			
Monday/Wednesday league		Tuesday/Thursday league	
MEDDAC	6-0	1-61st	5-0
3-60th	4-1	RRS	4-1
3-34th	3-2	CP	4-1
2-60th	2-2	187th	2-2
120th	2-4	81st RSC	1-3
USADSS	1-3	McEntire	0-4
TFM	1-4	2-39th	0-5
4-10th	1-4		

Standings as of Tuesday

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# ‘I will be a Soldier until the day I die’



Retired combat veterans James Kyzer, right, and Joseph Moore take time to catch up after visiting the Retiree Health and Benefits Expo Saturday.

## Fort Jackson honors military retirees

By **ANDREW McINTYRE**  
*Fort Jackson Leader*

Fort Jackson Retirement Services celebrated the commitment of all service branch retirees in the Fort Jackson community with the annual Retiree Appreciation Days that started off May 17 with a retreat ceremony and salute to all retirees.

The guest speaker, retired Sgt. Major of the Army Jack Tilley, spoke of his pride for the Army and of retirees’ responsibility to advocate for military health-care benefits.

“You can take me out of the military, but you can’t take the military out of me,” Tilley said. “I will be a Soldier until the day I die.”

“We have to be cautious about what we do with our health-

care benefits, and how that will affect the military not now, but 20 or 30 years down the road,” Tilley said. “We should make sure when we get around our congressmen and senior leadership we should talk about the importance of health care. ... It’s about our families and our commitment we made to the military.”

Friday’s rain did not hinder retirees from participating in the golf tournament that began at 9 a.m. This year, more than 140 golfers participated. The retirees played in foursomes to compete for the winning slot, said Paul Tabor, assistant business manager of the Fort Jackson Golf Club.

A.C. Williams, a retired first sergeant, said he was happy to be able to attend the tournament and enjoyed the camaraderie with his retired friends.

“This is my first time at the tournament, here with my friends

— and this is joy,” Williams said. “The weather is not too bad, but this is one of the best tournaments I’ve been to all year.”

Saturday, the Retiree Health and Benefits Expo at the Solomon Center gave the retirees the opportunity to gain more information about health and financial programs. The organizations represented included Defense Finance and Accounting, TRI-CARE and the South Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs.

Retired Air Force Maj. Yvonne Corppetts explained why she thinks it is important to attend the expo.

“This is an opportunity for retirees to come out and find the benefits the military still has to offer retirees, but not only that — it’s also networking,” Corppetts said. “I took advantage of the blood pressure training, cholesterol training, insurance and opportunities in volunteering.”

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Retirees receive help with checking their blood pressure and sugar levels while attending the Retiree Health and Benefits Expo at the Solomon Center.



Photo by JAMES ARROWOOD, command photographer  
Retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley addresses retirees during the retreat and salute to retirees ceremony May 17.



Retired Lt. Col. Jim Mitchener prepares to putt during the Retiree Appreciation Days golf tournament Friday.



# Saluting this BCT cycle’s honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE



**Staff Sgt. Nathan Speck**  
Company A  
1st Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. John Sparks

**SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pfc. Jonathan Cecil

**HIGH APFT SCORE**  
Pvt. Ryan Tavenner

**HIGH BRM**  
Pvt. Seth Knight



**Staff Sgt. Pierce Davis**  
Company B  
1st Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. James Bond Coward

**SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Leticia Sanchez

**HIGH APFT SCORE**  
Pvt. James Pion

**HIGH BRM**  
Pvt. Andrew Dronsfield  
Pvt. James Bond Coward



**Staff Sgt. Chester Mosier**  
Company C  
1st Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pfc. Chase Bebak

**SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pfc. Zachary Davis

**HIGH APFT SCORE**  
Pfc. Ira White

**HIGH BRM**  
Pvt. Taylor Morris



**Staff Sgt. David Schible**  
Company D  
1st Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Logan Walz

**SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Mallory Moore

**HIGH APFT SCORE**  
Pvt. Taylor Cooper

**HIGH BRM**  
Pfc. Cody Sparks



**Staff Sgt. James Moore**  
Company F  
1st Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pfc. Matthew Dugan

**SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pfc. Kieron Scheberger

**HIGH APFT SCORE**  
Pfc. Haley Weaver

**HIGH BRM**  
Pvt. Garrett Nyreen

SUPPORT AWARDS OF THE CYCLE

**STAFF SUPPORT**  
Sgt. Mark Stewart

**TRAINING SUPPORT**  
Mark Hall

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Lacresia Gray

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Sgt. 1st Class  
Adeola Ayegbaraju  
Platoon sergeant of the cycle

DRILL SERGEANT SCHOOL

Sgt. 1st Class  
Michael Bryars  
Drill sergeant leader of the cycle

Sgt. 1st Class  
David Montes  
Leadership award

Sgt. 1st Class  
James Dunn  
Distinguished honor graduate



BRYARS



PRICE



MONTES



MENG

Staff Sgt.  
Jeremy Simon  
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Sgt. 1st Class  
Jonathan Price  
Marksmanship award

ADJUTANT GENERAL SCHOOL

Capt.  
Natalie Meng  
Distinguished honor graduate  
Capatin’s Career Course

Indonesian Army Capt.  
Susilawati  
International honor graduate  
Capatin’s Career Course



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Friday, May 25 — 7 p.m.	
The Three Stooges	PG
Saturday, May 26 — 4 p.m.	
The Lucky One	PG-13
Sunday, May 27 — 2 p.m.	
The Three Stooges	PG
Wednesday, May 30 — 1:30 p.m.	
The Three Stooges	PG
Wednesday, May 30 — 4 p.m.	
The Hunger Games	PG-13
Friday, June 1 — 7 p.m.	
The Five-Year Engagement	R
Saturday, June 2 — 4 p.m.	
The Pirates! Band of Misfits	PG
Sunday, June 3 — 2 p.m.	
The Cabin in the Woods	R
Wednesday, June 6 — 1:30 p.m.	
The Pirates! Band of Misfits	PG
Wednesday, June 6 — 4 p.m.	
The Cabin in the Woods	R

Adults: \$4.50  
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# Weston Lake Beach Bash party marks start of summer season

By **THERESA O'HAGAN**

*Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation*

Summer will officially arrive at Fort Jackson Saturday with the opening of the swimming area at Weston Lake.

For two decades, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation officially has launched the summer season with its annual Beach Bash party at Weston Lake.

Gates open 11 a.m., and the party continues until 6 p.m. The Weston Lake Beach Bash features free use of paddle boats and canoes, hourly door prize drawings, music, fun for the whole family and, of course, lake swimming. Admission is free for children 3 and younger, \$1 for children 4-9 years old, and \$3 for patrons 10 and older.

Between 300 and 500 beach lovers are expected to attend this year's event.

The swimming area will be open Thursdays through Sundays and on federal holidays until Labor Day. Swimming in the lake is restricted to the designated area on the beach, and is allowed only on days when lifeguards are on duty. Swimming in all other areas is prohibited.

Although it is the only seasonal activity at the lake, swimming is not the only activity offered. The Weston Lake Recreation Area comprises more than 1,000 acres, nearly 250 acres of that is water. There are hiking, biking and walking trails, cabins, picnic shelters, a community house, boat ramp, campsites and more.

A variety of watercraft is also available. These include jon boats, canoes and pontoon boats. Marion Street Station offers a boat, motor, trailer packages for those wanting to take a boat to Weston Lake or one of the lakes in the Columbia area, such as Lake Wateree.

Fishing is another popular activity at Weston Lake with bass, bream, crappie, catfish and jacks available for catching.

There are also many varieties of wildlife to which Weston Lake is home. Barn swallows, Canada geese, deer and turtles are just a few of the animals that can be viewed on any given day.

In addition, patrons can use playgrounds, a soccer field, volleyball nets and a softball field.



*Courtesy photo*

**The swimming season at Weston Lake will begin with a Beach Bash Saturday. The season will end Labor Day.**

## IN THE KNOW

May 1 through Sept. 30: Monday-Friday 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.

The swimming area opens Memorial Day and will stay open through Labor Day. The swimming area is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays. Closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday except for federal holidays.

Personal Flotation Devices are provided with the rental of a water craft.

For more information on Weston Lake, call 751-LAKE. For more information on Marion Street Station, call 751-3484

## Leader deadlines

Article submissions are due two weeks before publication.

For example, an article for the June 7 Leader must be submitted by today.

Announcement submissions are due one week before publication.

For example, an announcement for the June 7 Leader must be submitted by May 31.

Send all submissions to FJLeader@gmail.com or call 751-7045.



## FMWR calendar

### THURSDAY

❑ Visit **Century Lanes** for food, fun and bowling.

❑ **Victory Bingo**, 2 to 11 p.m.

❑ Sleepy Storytime at the **Post Library**, 6:30 to 7 p.m. Come in pajamas and go home ready for bed.

❑ **Magruder's Pub and Club** happy hour, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Appetizers are available, while they last.

### FRIDAY

❑ Look what I can do, **Thomas Lee Hall Library**. Call 751-5589 for more information.

❑ Visit **Thomas Lee Hall Library** for Mommy and Me, a lapsit program, starts at 11 a.m.

❑ Visit the **Officers' Club**, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the seafood buffet.

❑ **Victory Bingo**, starts at 2 p.m.

❑ Dance to a variety of music provided by DJ Randall at **Magruder's Club**, 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Magruder's Club is located in the back of Magruder's Pub. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military. Every other Friday, sing along to Linda's Carraoke Karaoke. Be early for happy hour, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Appetizers are available, while they last.

❑ Every Friday is Artistic Expression with Jake at 6:30 p.m. in the Teen Room at the **Youth Services Center**.

### SATURDAY

❑ **Victory Bingo**, starts at 1 p.m.

❑ Step Team practice, 2 p.m., dance room at the **Youth Services Center**.

### SUNDAY

❑ Enjoy a traditional Sunday brunch buffet at the **Officers' Club**, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

❑ **Victory Bingo**, starts at 10 a.m.

❑ Every Sunday is Family Day at the **Youth Center**, 2-6 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

❑ Victory Readers Club, 6 to 8 p.m., **Post Library**.

❑ **4-H Club** meets 4 to 5 p.m.; for grades 1-5. Call 751-1136 for information.

For a full calendar of events, visit [www.fortjacksonwr.com](http://www.fortjacksonwr.com).

### ONGOING OFFERS

❑ The Officers' Club specializes in wedding receptions, anniversaries, promotions and other special occasions. For more information, call 782-8761.

❑ The Officers' Club is open for lunch Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

❑ Child, Youth and School Services provides child care and youth programming on Saturdays at no cost for active-duty parents who must work to meet mission requirements. Others requiring care may sign up, but will pay the usual hourly rate. All users must be signed up with Child, Youth and School Services. Registration is free at the Central Enrollment Office in the Joe E. Mann Center. For more information, call 751-4865.



# Need a car? Buy your ride Beastie-style

By 1ST LT. NICK ALLEN  
Legal Assistance Office

Unbeknown to most, the lawyers and paralegals at the Legal Assistance Office are insatiable fans of the greatest hip-hop/funk/punk/experimental delinquency extravaganza band this side of the Clash: the Beastie Boys. That's why when we heard of the recent passing of Adam Yauch, a.k.a. MCA, we took it hard.

Therefore, as a tribute to the late MCA, we offer this advice on car buying in the freshest, smoothest, most intergalactic way we can, with each section named after a Beastie Boys album or song. Because, as we all know, a car is one of the most expensive purchases you can make and if a dealership wants to take advantage of you, it is important to know how to fight. For your right. To, well, you know.

## CHECK YOUR HEAD

Almost everyone likes new luxury automobiles or large sports utility vehicles, but these vehicles are not easy to afford. When considering how much money to spend on the purchase of a vehicle, know the costs associated with ownership. Figure out how much sales tax you will need to pay as well as the annual property tax. Calculate what the total annual cost of insurance will be. Get an accurate report on the car's gas mileage and estimate monthly gas costs (remembering that gas prices fluctuate). Don't forget annual maintenance costs and routine operating expenses (e.g. changing windshield wiper blades, car washes).

A monthly price of \$400 might seem manageable. However, after adding property tax and insurance costs alone, that payment can quickly become the equivalent of a \$600 payment. Before you start shopping for a vehicle, much less buying one, know what you can afford.

## ILL COMMUNICATION

Learn several terms before negotiating for the price of a new car.

The *invoice price* is the manufacturer's initial charge to the dealer. This usually is higher than the dealer's final cost because dealers receive rebates, allowances, discounts and

incentive awards. Buyers can research on the Internet what rebates and incentives a dealer will get from a purchase.

The *base price* is the cost of the car without options (albeit including standard equipment and a factory warranty). This price is printed on the "Monroney sticker," which shows the base price, the manufacturer's installed options, the manufacturer's suggested retail price, the manufacturer's transportation charge and gas mileage. Federal law requires dealers to affix this sticker to the car window.

The *dealer sticker price* is the MSRP plus the suggested retail price of dealer-installed options, such as additional dealer markup or additional dealer profit, dealer preparation, and undercoating. You should never have to pay the dealer sticker price on the vehicle.

Be assertive when negotiating for the price of a new car. If you are uncomfortable with the negotiating process, bring in your research to the dealer. This way, you can show the dealer on paper that you can find a better deal than the one offered. Additionally, many banks will negotiate the price of a new car for customers directly with the dealer if you obtain financing through the bank. Make sure that you contact your lender to see if the lender participates in such programs.

## HELLO NASTY

If you are considering trading in a car, discuss the possibility of a trade-in only after the best possible price has been negotiated for the new car and after the value of the old car has been researched. Check local libraries or the Internet to determine the value of the current vehicle. The Kelley "Blue Book" and NADA are two of the most reliable publications for determining the value of a vehicle. If the dealer does not want to give you much on a trade-in, you can sell it through the classifieds or donate it to a charitable organization.

## SABOTAGE

Service contracts purchased with a new car provide for the repair of certain things. These contracts are offered by manufacturers, dealers or independent companies and may

or may not provide coverage beyond the manufacturer's warranty. In fact, they typically overlap the factory warranty and provide little additional coverage. Remember that a warranty is included in the price of the car while a service contract costs extra.

Before deciding to purchase a service contract, read it carefully and consider the following questions: What's the difference between the coverage under the warranty and the coverage under the service contract? What repairs are covered? Is routine maintenance covered? Who pays for the labor? Who pays for the parts? Who performs the repairs? Can repairs be made elsewhere? Who pays for a rental car? How long does the service contract last? What are the cancellation and refund policies?

## BRASS MONKEY

If you decide to finance a new car, financing obtained by the dealer is unlikely to be the best. Contact banks and other lenders directly and get pre-approved for a loan before shopping for a new car.

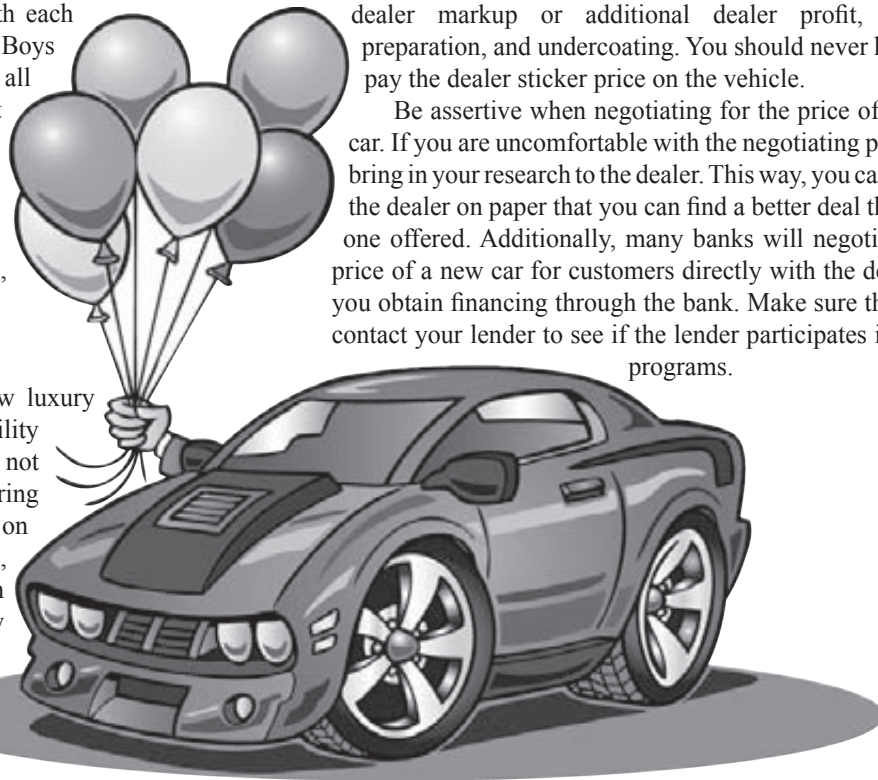
Before signing a contract to purchase or finance the car, consider the terms of the financing and evaluate whether it is affordable. Before driving a new car off the lot, be sure to have a copy of the contract that both you and the dealer have signed and be sure all blanks are completed. Also, consider the possibility of having an attorney review the contract and fully explain all the details of the financing agreement.

## LICENSED TO ILL: SOUTH CAROLINA NONRESIDENT MILITARY TAX EXEMPTION

Military members stationed in South Carolina are eligible for a nonresident tax exemption if they are residents of a state other than South Carolina. If a spouse is listed on the title, the military member will only be eligible for 50 percent of the tax exemption. The exemption applies to any motor vehicle specifically designated to carry passengers and bought for personal use. It does not apply to the sale of trucks, motor homes or trailers. A commissioned officer of a higher rank than the purchaser must certify that the military member is not a resident of South Carolina. South Carolina nonresident military tax exemption certificates can be picked up at the Legal Assistance Office.

The Fort Jackson Judge Advocate General office can provide more information regarding automobile purchases. Although JAG attorneys can provide advice concerning this matter, they cannot represent you in a South Carolina court.

If you would like to talk about automobile purchases or similar concerns, or would just like a shoulder to cry on while mourning MCA, please call the Legal Assistance Office at 751-7657 to schedule an appointment with an attorney.



## FIRST RESPONDER



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Director, Emergency Services

**Maj. Bradford Fisher**  
Provost Marshal

**Sgt. Maj. Bruce Sirois**  
Provost Sergeant Major

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Fire Chief

The following are incidents compiled from reports, complaints or information received from the Fort Jackson Provost Marshal Office.

The incidents reflected are not an adjudication attesting to the guilt or innocence of any person and are provided for informational and reflective purposes only.

## CASES OF THE WEEK

□ A Soldier sustained minor injuries to his hand after punching a reinforced glass pane.

□ Unknown suspects damaged a vending machine by breaking out the front glass.

## TIP OF THE WEEK

With the end of the school year, children will be out in the playground areas more. Parents should be aware of the Fort Jackson policy on supervision of children.

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# MACH group welcomes staff to work

By JULIA GRAY

Moncrief Army Community Hospital

Moncrief Army Community Hospital staff members received a surprise when they were hailed with smiles and greetings of, “Welcome to work,” as they arrived for work during the weeks of March 5, March 26 and May 21.

Staff members were also presented with special book-marks printed with “Welcome to Work, You Make a Difference!” Similar campaigns were conducted at the hospital’s outlying clinics.

The “Welcome to Work” campaign was the idea of the Culture and Standards Working Group that was established as part of the MACH’s commitment to building a culture of excellence.

The group’s primary goal is to promote team building and morale by creating a workplace where employees feel they are doing worthwhile work, making a difference, and finding purpose in their jobs. MACH recognizes that excellent patient care can only be achieved through staff members who are skilled, committed and recognized for their contributions.

The Culture and Standards Working Group has sponsored several staff-focused events including the Where’s the Badge Campaign and a security check of all staff vehicle registrations and hospital parking decals.

The group also developed the MACH Professional Standards Handbook, which outlines the standards and behaviors that MACH staff members are expected to incorporate into their daily work routines as they strive to build a culture around providing exceptional customer service.

The handbook is only the second publication of its type



*Courtesy photo*

**Members of Moncrief Army Community Hospital’s Culture and Standards Working Group get ready to greet staff members as they arrive at work. The ‘Welcome to Work’ campaign started in March.**

to be published at an Army military hospital. The group plans to continue staff member-focused events, including Bragging Board competitions, revision of the staff recognition and awards program, and more Welcome to Work

initiatives.

The Culture and Standards Working Group is composed of members from a various departments throughout the hospital.